

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Seth Berglee, on January 23, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary  
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 66, 1/12/2017; HB 178, 1/12/2017; HJ 1, 1/12/2017  
Executive Action: HB 192, SB 5

**HEARING ON HB 178****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:55 Rep. Jean Price (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 178, Provide ANB funding for 19 year olds.

**EXHIBIT(edh16a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:50 John Rouse, Browning Public Schools

00:08:34 Danielle Horn, Self

**EXHIBIT(edh16a02)**

00:12:41 Matthew Johnson, Browning Public Schools

00:14:50 Drew Uecker, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)

**EXHIBIT(edh16a03)**

00:17:46 Rep. Greef joined the meeting

00:20:12 Dillon Champagne, Self

00:22:35 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce

00:25:32 Siri Smillie, Governor's Office

00:26:55 Melissa Shannon, Reach Higher Montana

00:27:49 Jessica Reynolds, Montana Speech Language Hearing Association (MSHA)

00:29:55 Jordan Thomson, Salish-Kootnei Tribe

00:30:59 Erik Feaver, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:32:03 Kara Sperle, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:32:27 Rep. Beard

00:33:12 Kara Sperle, OPI

00:33:26 Rep. Beard

00:33:31 Kara Sperle, OPI

00:33:43 Rep. Beard

00:34:40 Kara Sperle, OPI

00:34:58 Rep. Price

00:35:37 Matthew Johnson, Browning Public Schools

00:36:44 Drew Uecker, GFPS

00:37:45 Rep. Beard

00:38:06 Drew Uecker, GFPS

00:38:31 Rep. Beard

00:38:44 Drew Uecker, GFPS

00:39:33 Rep. Schreiner

00:40:15 Kara Sperle, OPI

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00:41:15 Rep. Bachmeier joined the meeting

00:41:17 Kara Sperle, OPI

00:41:39 Rep. Vinton  
00:42:21 Rep. Price  
00:42:49 Rep. Vinton  
00:43:21 Chair Berglee  
00:43:45 Rep. P. Webb  
00:44:12 Rep. Price  
00:44:23 Rep. Curtis  
00:45:03 Rep. P. Webb  
00:45:14 Rep. Curtis  
00:46:04 Rep. P. Webb  
00:46:14 Rep. Curtis

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:47:07 Rep. Price

**HEARING ON HB 66****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:49:31 Rep. Amanda Curtis (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 66, Revise school funding related to facilities.

[EXHIBIT\(edh16a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh16a05\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:55:41 Steve Meloy, Montana School Boards Association (MSBA)  
00:59:44 Rep. Kelker  
01:01:48 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)  
01:02:35 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)  
01:04:45 Diane Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)  
01:06:12 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)  
01:06:43 John Rousa, Browning Public Schools

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

01:07:19 Julia Altmus, Montana Wood Products Association  
01:07:58 Kara Sperle, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:08:19 Rep. Vinton  
01:09:01 Rep. Curtis  
01:09:54 Rep. Vinton  
01:10:14 Rep. Curtis

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:10:30 Rep. Curtis

**HEARING ON HJ 1****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:12:24 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HJ 1, Request study of funding for education programs for special needs students.

**EXHIBIT(edh16a06)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:23:31 Julie Merritt, Parents and Others Invested in Nurturing Talented Students Association of Gifted And Talented Education (POINTS) (AGATE)  
01:26:49 Molly Stockdale, Parents and Others Invested in Nurturing Talented Students (POINTS)  
01:28:15 Mark Rosolowsky, Connect, Help, Advocate and Talk (CHAT)  
01:31:12 Jessica Reynolds, Montana Speech, Language Hearing Association (MSHA)  
01:36:18 Steve Meloy, Montana School Boards Association (MSBA)  
01:37:47 John Rouse, Browning Public Schools  
01:38:57 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)  
01:40:27 Marco Ferro, Montana Educators Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)  
01:41:04 Diane Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)  
01:42:04 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:44:43 Rep. Funk  
01:45:07 Rep. Kelker  
01:45:10 Rep. Funk  
01:45:25 Rep. Kelker  
01:46:03 Rep. Funk  
01:46:24 Rep. Kelker  
01:47:38 Rep. Vinton  
01:47:53 Rep. Kelker

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:48:29 Rep. Kelker  
  
01:50:21 Recessed  
02:05:04 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 190**

02:05:12 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **HB 190 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:05:21 Rep. Schreiner  
02:05:40 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
02:06:00 Rep. Vinton  
02:06:19 Rep. Funk

02:06:33 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD  
02:06:47 Chair Berglee  
02:06:58 Rep. Funk

02:07:31 Without objection, Rep. Funk withdrew the **DO PASS** motion.

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 192**

02:08:00 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **HB 192 DO PASS**.

#### **Discussion:**

02:08:25 Rep. Funk  
02:11:13 Rep. Bachmeier  
02:11:47 Rep. Funk  
02:12:37 Rep. Bachmeier  
02:14:52 Rep. Anderson  
02:15:57 Rep. Curtis  
02:17:31 Rep. Schreiner  
02:19:45 Rep. B. Bennett  
02:22:56 Rep. Webber  
02:24:12 Rep. Bachmeier  
02:25:03 Rep. Staffanson  
02:25:18 Rep. Bachmeier  
02:26:36 Rep. Schreiner  
02:27:26 Chair Berglee

02:29:14 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Price, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voting aye. Rep. Essmann and Rep. G. Hertz voted by proxy.

02:30:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Funk moved that **HB 192 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried.

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 5**

02:30:51 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **SB 5 BE CONCURRED IN**.

#### **Discussion:**

02:31:18 Rep. Schreiner  
02:33:14 Rep. Staffanson  
02:33:39 Rep. Vinton

02:34:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Essmann and Rep. G. Hertz voted by proxy. Rep. Vinton will carry the bill.

02:35:15 Rep. Funk

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:35:47

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([edh16aad.pdf](#))